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COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Upon review of the Notice of Allowance recently received in the above-identified application, it appears that the patent term adjustment of 97 days is incorrect. Based on our calculation, the patent term adjustment should be 90 days.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Patent Office verify the patent term adjustment and, if appropriate, issue and forward a corrected Notice to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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